

REMARKS

In this Amendment and Response, no claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and claims 2-36 are added; as a result, claims 1-36 are currently pending in this application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 1 was rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,192. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection.

New claims 2-36 have been added, and depend on claim 1 either directly or indirectly. Dependent claims 2-36 are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided for claim 1 above.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-36.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6912 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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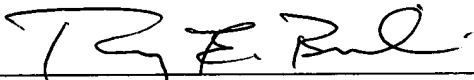
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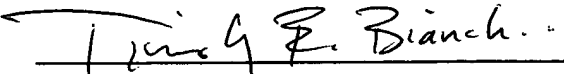
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